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1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 19 FOUR HOURS AFTER DEPARTURE
OF UNSYG WALDHEIM, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU SAID TURKISH PROPOSALS
BROUGHT TO CYPRUS BY SYG WERE ENTIRELY INADMISSIBLE AND
HAD BEEN UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND
NATIONAL COUNCIL. HE SAID GOC STILL CONSIDERED NEGOTIATIONS
AS BEST PROCEDURE FOR SOLVING CYPRUS PROBLEM, BUT THIS
PROCEDURE NOT ACCEPTABLE IF IT BASED ON TALK FOR TALKS'S

SAKE. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS OF PROPOSALS, WHICH HE SAID PIO WOULD RELEASE LATER, KYPRIANOU SAID CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS WERE AIMED AT CREATING TWO SEPARATE STATES, TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS WOULD RETURN ONLY NO MAN'S LAND (AREA BETWEEN LINES) AND ONE PERCENT OF ISLAND TO GOC CONTROLFF AND FAMAGUSTA WOULD REMAIN UNDER TURKISH CONTROL AND ANY GREEK CYPRIOTS PERMITTED TO RETURN THERE WOULD BE AT MERCY OF TFSC. IF IT WERE NOT FOR TRAGIC SITUATION CYPRUS FACED, PRESIDENT SAID, PROPOSALS COULD ONLY BE CHARACTERIZED AS RIDICULOUS.

2. PRESIDENT SAID TURKISH SIDE'S WHOLE PURPOSE IN SUBMITTING PROPOSALS WAS TO MISLEAD WORLD OPINION AND INFLUENCE U.S. CONGRESS TO LIFT EMBARGO. HE SAID THAT "THOSE PERSONS" WHO HAD SOUGHT TO CONVINCE GOC TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER TURKISH PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER ADVISED TO PRESSURE TURKEY INTO PRESENTING BETTER PROPOSALS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT CYPRUS WAS OCCUPIED BY MEANS OF U.S. ARMS.

3. KYPRIANOU WAS ASKED WHETHER IF, IN SPITE OF GOC REJECTION OF PROPOSALS, WALDHEIM DECIDED TO CALL FOR RECONVENING TALKS, WOULD GOC PARTICIPATE. HE REPLIED THAT SYG KNEW OF WIDE GULF SEPARATING TWO SIDES ON SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSALS. IF, IN SPITE OF THIS SYG CALLED FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS, GOC WOULD MAKE UP ITS MIND AT THAT TIME.
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